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1. (Original) A shutter slat, comprising:

A hollow elongated body portion having a first end and a second end, an upper edge and a lower edge, a first exterior face and a second exterior face, and a hollow interior defined by an upper interior surface, a lower interior surface, a first interior surface,
10 and a second interior surface;

a first boss and a second boss, wherein each boss comprises a c-shaped boss adapted to receive a retention screw, and wherein each boss projects from one or more of said interior surfaces;

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wherein said upper edge comprises a track having a hook shaped profile and running the length of said slat;

wherein said lower edge comprises a track having a hook shaped profile and running the length of said slat;

wherein said upper edge is adapted to cooperate with said lower edge whereby multiple identical slats may be articulated to form a roller shutter.

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2. (Original) A shutter slat according to claim 1, wherein said first boss projects from said upper interior surface.

3. (Original) A shutter slat according to claim 1, wherein said first boss projects generally from the junction of said upper interior surface and said first interior surface or said second interior surface.

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4. (Original) A shutter slat according to claim 1, wherein said second boss projects from said lower interior surface.

5. (Original) A shutter slat according to claim 1, wherein said second boss projects generally from the junction of said lower interior surface and said first interior surface or said second interior surface.

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6. (Original) A shutter slat according to claim 1, wherein said first boss, said second boss, or said first boss and said second boss extend from said first interior surface to said second interior surface.

7. (Original) A shutter slat according to claim 1, further comprising one or more retention screws.
8. (Original) A shutter slat according to claim 7, further comprising a retention plate, and wherein said retention plate has two apertures adapted to receive said retention screws whereby said retention plate may be inserted through said apertures and received into said first and second bosses.
9. (Original) A shutter slat according to claim 8, wherein said retention plate is limited in size to a cross section of said hollow elongated body portion, the dimensions of said hollow interior of said hollow elongated body portion, and wherein said retention plate has two apertures adapted to receive said retention screws securely.
10. (Original) A shutter slat according to claim 8, wherein said retention plate is not limited in size or shape by a cross section of said hollow elongated body portion and wherein said retention plate has two apertures adapted to receive said retention screws loosely.